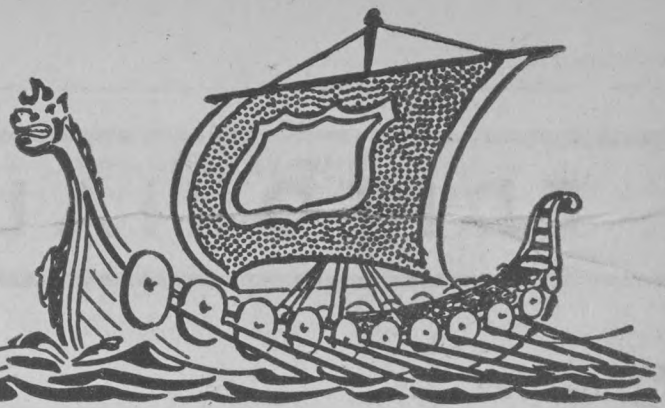




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## A Blessed Xmas To All

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS IN SCANDINAVIA

The Scandinavian peoples celebrate Christmas each in their own individual way, for even though there is much cooperation between the four countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, Christmas remains an institution which must not be made subject to uniformity. The tree and the length of the holiday season are really the only things which these four Northern countries have in common as the holidays come around.

In Denmark you will for the first time in your life see little glittering, lamp-lit Christmas trees sail through the dark winter night high up in the sky. They are attached to the top of the main-mast of the ships, tugs and fishing vessels that move in and out of Danish ports. It's a touching and poetic sight, quite in keeping with the many ways in which modern, industrialized Denmark still remains the fairy tale land of H. C. Anderson. Christmas Eve and the 25th of December are the big family events of the year. On Christmas Eve work ceases in the afternoon, church bells all over the land call people to worship at five o'clock. The ancient or startlingly modern churches are beautifully decorated. The emphasis is upon candles and greens. After dinner in the homes, many of which bear witness to Denmark's advanced interior design, the old custom of distributing gifts is strictly adhered to. Danish modern does not clash with respect for the ways of the forefathers. Thus, before the master of the house hands out the gifts, all join hands and go around the tree singing some of the lovely classic hymns. It may be that the gifts are brought in by a "Jule Man". Although he resembles the Canadian Santa Claus, Denmark's true Christmas symbol is a sprite called "Nissen". He is the last representative of many supernatural beings who in old days were an integral part of juletide in Denmark. The original Christmas seal is a recent Danish gift to the world. Since some fifty years ago by a post office clerk, the idea was brought to America through a magazine article. It has since been adopted by many other countries.

Finland begins the long season of joyous celebrations and reverent thanksgiving on the last Sunday in November which is called "Little Christmas". Majestic trees are erected in the market places of cities and villages, stores make their contributions to the overall festive mood through tasteful, yet gay decorations, and in the homes there are parties at which the "Joulupuuro" (Christmas porridge) is sampled, and homebaked ginger snaps as well as Christmas songs mark the arrival of the year's

biggest event. In Finland, where almost every individual is capable of creating graceful objects with bare hands, the traditional Christmas ornaments are made in the home as of that particular Sunday in November. Reeds, straw and wood shavings are all that is needed, plus the innate skill and taste that every Finn has as Nature's gift to a hardy race. There is hectic activity in the kitchen, in the big cities as well as down on the farm near the deep woods. On Christmas Eve, the culmination of all the devoted work is a visit to the "sauna" after which everyone dresses in Christmas finery. A lavish meal featuring family-recipe dishes is followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. His long trip around the country is said to begin in northern Lapland.

Christmas morning dawns with church services at 7 a.m. The horse-drawn sleigh and the jingling bells have now been replaced by the automobile. The horses, however, are still very much in evidence on December 26th, St. Stephen's Day, when races are held along snow-decked country roads. This is also a day for visiting relatives and friends. In the evening there is gay dancing.

In Norway Christmas is a remarkable blend of Christmas ritual and centuries' old pagan rites. Although customs vary in different parts of the elongated land, all areas have one thing in common: the thorough house-cleaning and frenetic cooking and baking which precede the holiday season. On the farms, all work ceases at four o'clock in the afternoon of December 24th. Then the church bells announce the beginning of the period of "Christmas peace". To hardy mountainside farmer, to daring seafarer, fisherman and citydweller alike come rest and peace of mind and a spirit of joy. The great evening is a family affair which centers around a relatively simple meal and the tree laden with gifts and decorations. The head of the family used to hand out the gifts. During recent years, however, the ancient Norse figure in the form of a gift-bringing "Julenisse" has been resurrected. Coffee and cakes, as many as 14 different kinds of cookies, form an important part of the evening when young and old also join hands and move about the regally decorated tree, recalling the birth of the Savior through the singing of old carols. Morning church services open the first day of Christmas. The church bells peal in the cities as they do in the country. After services the season's greetings are exchanged, and then it's home again for another family gathering. December 26th marks the part of

the Christmas holidays when there is dancing, music-making, noise and revelry. Guests come bringing some of their own Christmas bounty to share with their hosts. Parties are given for members of organizations, while businesses and industries entertain their employees.

Life in Sweden slows down noticeably as of December 24th, although Lucia Day, the 13th of December marks the start of the Christmas season. January 13th, Tjugondag Knut, ends the long Jule period. December 24th and Christmas Day, however, are the high point of this time of the year. In the cities every street of any significance is festooned with garlands of electric lights, shopwindows are festively decorated and huge trees dominate the main square in even the tiniest village. The midday meal on Christmas Eve features many of the traditional dishes that the women have been preparing for a long time. Candles flicker in every window, masses of tulips or other cut flowers embellish the rooms and pine wreaths with colored glass bulbs decorate the entrance door. The Christmas Eve dinner, still a family affair, begins with Smorgasbord, followed by Lutefisk and a succulent ham as the main course. Rice porridge ends the meal after which follows the handing out of gifts, piled deep at the foot of the tall tree. It is an old and revered custom not to light the tree until the family is assembled in the livingroom. In some homes, the tradition of "Jultomten" (Santa Claus) still persists. There is joint dancing around the tree and, even in small modern city apartments, gay singing of the season's hymns and songs. Pre-dawn religious services are observed throughout Sweden on Christmas Day which thereafter is a day of rest. Then follows a round of parties in homes and restaurants and on January 13th the "dancing out of Christmas" which for the young means the plundering of the tree. After New Year's Day, however, the tempo has begun to change and the Swedes are back at work with the arrival of another year.

### Hallowe'en Dance Held October 28th

The Sons of Norway held their Hallowe'en dance on Friday night, October 28 in the Viking Room. This was also a farewell gathering for 53 young Norwegians in Canada on the annual exchange program. Most of them were employed on farms throughout the summer months and were now on their way back to Norway. The supper was served by the ladies auxiliary with Mrs. Hope as hostess. Carl Elstrand's orchestra provided the dance music and spot prizes were given.

### Annual Meeting To Be Held November 29th

November the 29th will be the annual meeting of the Congregation. We are sorry we can't give you the new names on the board in this issue, as this is written before that date. The following members are leaving the board: Ole Knudsen who has been on the board for 13 years and has been president since 1960. Niels Gran who has been a member of the board since the congregation was founded in 1928 and Sigurd Christensen's time is up too. Niels Gran is the man whom everyone who has participated in a Danish Service knows; he is the man who for many years always was the first man in church Sunday morning; he made everything ready for the service and led the beginning and the closing prayers at all Danish Services. He now plans to return to Denmark, at least for half a year. We shall miss him. Ole Knudsen has been the president in the most trying years—when we did not have a minister at all, and the years when we had to change ministers twice. It was a lot of work for Ole and we appreciate all he has done over the years for the Danish Church.

**The Custom of donating \$1.00 whenever somebody has a birthday.** Miss Anna Fuglsang looked after this Birthday Dollar for several years and the money was used to buy items for the Church as needed, and now we want some new curtains for the Basement, so please send in your Dollar when your birthday comes along, of course, it is entirely voluntary, but should you want to help in this manner, then send your dollar to Mrs. Mary Jensen, 11509 - 94 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. Phone 474-2616. Or you can give your Dollar to Pastor Filtenborg should that suit you better and he will hand them over to Mrs. Jensen.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their Christmas Meeting on December 7th, this is the English Ladies' Aid, so if you would like to join, you are more than welcome to do so and on December 16th Young Women's Club and The Men's Club have a combined Christmas meeting, where all the Danish women are welcome to join. Young People's Club has planned their Christmas Meeting Monday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. All these meetings are held in the Church Basement.

Look for the Advertisement in this paper for the Christmas Services.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE.  
Pastor Filtenborg

### Advent And Christmas At Augustana Church

The Advent Season begins with Sunday, November 27 this year. Lutheran congregations will welcome the new season with the expectant strains of the hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The first candle of the Advent logs and wreaths will be lit that day and the church will begin its season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's coming to earth.

The second coming of Christ, John the Baptist, and the longing and seeking after a just world of peace and order will be some of the themes of worship on the Advent Sundays.

Each Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m., there will be an Advent Vespers service at Augustana Church. On November 27, it will include a festival of song as the congregation joins in the many beautiful Advent hymns. On December 4, a presentation will be made on Christianity and the art form of drama. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated December 11 at the evening service. The children's church school program will be on December 18.

Noon services will be held each Advent Wednesday starting at 12:05. The ladies of the church will serve a lunch at 12:25. The sermon series will develop the theme: "That Which Comes." These services are designed particularly for people who work in the vicinity of Augustana Church.

The Christmas schedule is as follows: Christmas Eve—4:30 p.m., Christmas service for Estonian speaking people; Christmas Day—7 a.m.—Early Christmas morning service for Swedish people; 11 a.m.—Christmas Service—Pastor Vincent Eriksson is being asked to preach at this service; 3 p.m.—Service for Finnish speaking people; 7:30 p.m.—Joint Christmas service with the other City Centre churches at All Saints Cathedral.

On New Year's Eve, beginning at 6:30 p.m. a potluck supper and evening of games for youth and adults will be held. The people of the Scandinavian community are most welcome to these events at Augustana Church.

### Ladies' Auxiliary Hold Nov. Meeting

The ladies of the auxiliary met at the home of Lydia Naversteth in November and plans for the Lutefisk Supper were finalized. It was also decided the ladies would serve a luncheon to the members of the Oliver Art Club, the date for some time in January. Present at the meeting were Maisie Amdam, Ragna Sivertsen, Hilma Bukvi, Martha Flatekval, Johanna Reno, Clara Lineham and Mr. and Mrs. Searl. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.



# EDITORIAL

## From the . . . . . PRESIDENT'S DESK

I came across the following in a publication I was reading, and it occurred to me that we would do well to think upon it at this time of year, when so many of us are hurrying to be with relatives and friends to celebrate Christmas and New Year.

It's a strange thing about an "accident". Before it happens—perhaps only a mere moment before—you're the top man, the one who's got the say.

But the split second it happens, everything changes. All at once you're the bottom man. Either you're not a whole man any more, or you're in for a long stretch of pain and costly repairs, or you're nothing! Yet in those moments before it happens, there is probably a number of things you could do to prevent it. Sometimes it's the glance of an eye, or a decision to make. Maybe it's spending a few seconds to wait for the "Green" signal or to get a long clear view before you pass the vehicle ahead, or stopping for a coffee and some fresh air to ward off that "dopey" feeling on a long drive.

But if you fail to do the right thing, or blunder ahead with the wrong decision, then comes the exploding moment of shock, agony and blackness. After that, too often there isn't a power on earth that can undo what's been done. The scientist, the surgeon, the greatest human intelligence and skill can do no more than try to clear up the mess.

So now, whilst you're the top man, it's in your hands—it's up to you to prevent an accident.

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Your President and the Board of Directors take this opportunity to wish all members a Very Merry Christmas, and express the hope that 1967 will bring you and yours Good Health and Happiness.

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### STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The Star of Bethlehem still shines as clear  
As when the Wise Men saw it first appear;  
And ringing through each quiet, listening street  
The angel voices sound as soft and sweet.  
And cradled safely in the hearts of men  
The Christ awakes and gently smiles again.  
And praise is in the air, and everywhere  
Good will is seen as infinitely dear.  
And simple tasks become an offering  
Of frankincense and myrrh that each can bring  
To Him whose love is freedom's peace unfurled  
Protectively above a quickend world.  
Lov shines through every anguished interim—  
Who says the star of Bethlehem grows dim?

—Opal Winstead

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## ICELANDIC NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar of Lyleton, Man. were guests at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron and Donna visited with relatives at Sedgewick, Alliance and Lougheed over the weekend.

Mrs. Bertha Keys of Qualicum Beach visited at Red Deer and Fawcett and also in Edmonton at the home of Henry and Lil Summarlidason.

Mr. Valdi Jackson of Elfros spent a week visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Summarlidason.

If you know of anyone sick or in hospital, please phone Margaret Cameron at 455-2064.

Please remember our Annual Christmas party, Sunday, December 18th, at the Bonnie Doon Community Hall. Fun will start at 2 o'clock and Santa will be there, so be sure to come and bring your children.

If you have any news items, please, please, call Beulah Arason at 466-6659.

Mr. Mike Johnson, one of our Life Members, has moved to Victoria for the winter. We shall be glad to see him return to Edmonton again in the spring.

## Buford Lodge Surprised At November Meeting

The members of Buford Lodge No. 577 were pleasantly surprised at the last meeting to have Frank and Signe Carlson in their midst. Frank and Signe, former residents of this area have made their home in Kelowna for several years, and had taken a holiday to visit old friends and relatives.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wronko who were married recently. Mrs. Wronko is the former Glenys Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erickson.

Get Well wishes go out to Mrs. Nora Westermarck who at present is a patient at the Richmond Height Private Hospital in Victoria, B.C.

Frankie and Charlie Erickson had a very pleasant surprise recently when a cousin whom they had never met, Mr. Quentin Lindstrom, of Richmond, Virginia, paid them a visit.

A successful auction sale took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Pearson lately. Their entire dairy herd was sold. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson plan to remain on the farm.

Floyd and Peggy Modin have moved into their new home in Calmar. Gust and Hilda Modin have also moved into Calmar, into their newly purchased home.

Home for the Armistice Weekend were Elaine Evanson, Alda Markstedt and Carol and Glen Pearson.

Raymond and Elsie Erickson are holidaying at the coast.

Raymond Wold of Saskatchewan visited his parents at Warburg over the weekend.

On October 27 the Buford Lodge Curling Club held a brief meeting.

Fred Hamilton was elected president, Bob Pearson, vice pres.; Victor Wold, secty-treas.

The Draw Committee consists of Floyd Modin, Albin Markstedt and George Modin. We hope to have ice in a couple weeks.

## FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Speedy recovery to Mr. E. Honka, who was in hospital recently.

The preliminary annual meeting of Finnish Society will be held on Sunday December 4th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri, 16112-104 Ave. Everyone is Cordially invited.

November sewing circle was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Ristola. Many thanks to Mrs. Ristola for the delightful evening.

A surprise bridal shower was held in honor of Miss Irja Rastas recently. Mrs. Sirkka Nahkuri was the hostess of the evening where the bride to be received many beautiful and useful gifts.

A surprise house warming party was held for Mr. and Mrs. V. Heinonen of 8048-135 Ave. Many friends gathered there to wish Mr. and Mrs. Heinonen happiness in their new home.

Finnish Society Ladies group took part in the recent United Nations week by attending the parade and the flag raising ceremonies and by preparing and serving Finnish dishes at the United Nations Cafe and Ball held at the Scandinavian Centre.

Thanks to the ladies of the Finnish Society, who helped at the recent Sunday Coffee party, held at the Scandinavian Centre.

Wedding of Miss Irja Rastas to Mr. Julius Joljart took place at the Augustana Lutheran Church on Nov. 5th, 1966. Reception followed at the Club Mocombo. Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. Joljart who will make their home in Edmonton.

Mr. Leslie Rama visited his sister Mrs. M. J. Demers and family of Santa Ana, California recently.

Mrs. Heinonen of Oulu, Finland arrived recently to visit her children in Canada. It is hoped that Mrs. Heinonen enjoys her visit to Edmonton where she has five sons and a daughter.

Happy Birthday to following members of Finnish Society who celebrate during December: Mr. V. Kujala, Mr. J. Rama, Mr. Y. Jaakkola, Mr. T. Leino, Mr. J. Koivuneva, Mrs. R. Hagman, Mr. P. Karvonen, Mr. E. Salo, Mr. N. Rinta and Mrs. S. Vesaniemi. Birthday Greetings are also extended to all whose birthday is during the month of December.

Finnish Society's adult Christmas party will be held on December 3rd at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room, starting at 8:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be there, so please bring a little present without a name. "Joulupuuro" will be served along with the usual coffee and a short Christmas program will be presented. Dancing follows. So come and enjoy this pre-Christmas fun with your friends.

Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 18th at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room, starting at 2:00 p.m. Short program and cartoons will be shown. Refreshments will be served and Santa Claus will bring something to all children. So remember the date and bring the children to the party.

Finnish Society wishes a Very Merry Christmas to all readers of the Scandinavian Centre News.  
HAUSKAA JOULUA KAIKILLE.

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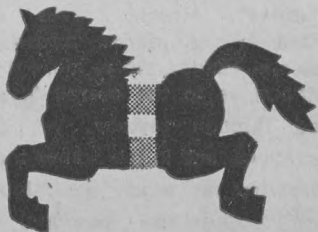
## VASA GLIMPSSES

Betty and Magnus Pearson have been in Kamloops visiting Magnus' sister, Helen Ryley.

Anita and Charles Culham have moved from Alberta Beach to 9021A - 85 St.

Evelyn Johnson has been visiting her daughter Geri Collins in Denver. Geri had returned from a one week holiday in Hawaii where she joined her husband Tim who was on leave from Viet Nam.

Mrs. Alma Samuelson entertained recently at a noon luncheon party. The occasion was a mystery until the guests had enjoyed a delicious lunch. The ladies were then asked to put their names into a hat for a draw. Mrs. Milda Backstrom was the lucky winner of a hand woven rug. Missing from the group was the guest of honor, Mrs. Signe Larson of Ljusdal, Sweden. She had woven the rug and sent it to Mrs. Samuelson to be raffled off among the ladies who had entertained her while she was here a year ago visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Svea Erickson.



The Horse symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.



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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Future Dates:  
DECEMBER 7—Election of Officers  
and CHRISTMAS BINGO.  
DECEMBER 18—CHRISTMAS  
PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nilson  
spent enjoyable holidays visiting at  
Prince George and Dawson Creek  
in September. Johanna's mother,  
Sofie Nordbo, came over from Nor-  
way and toured the West and Mani-  
toba during the summer. She was  
highly impressed with Canada and  
wished to express her thanks to the  
folks who made her visit here an  
enjoyable one.

Deepest sympathy is extended  
to the members of Arnt Anderson's  
family. Mr. Anderson passed away  
in November at age 72. He leave  
his wife, 3 sons Inge, Anders  
Njaal and nine grandchildren. Mr  
Anderson was a school teacher in  
Norway before coming to Canada  
in 1924. He was married to Tora in  
1928 and in 1934 bought a farm  
at Rich Valley where they lived until  
about 10 years ago when they  
moved to Jasper where he acted  
as Warden of Jasper National Park.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs.  
Anders Anderson (Eleanor) on the  
recent passing of her father, Carl  
Oberg, of Meeting Creek, Alberta.

Mr. Knut Svidal presided over the  
4th District meeting at Havre, Mon-  
tana and also attended their  
monthly meeting in November.

Sharon Sorenson attended a 3-  
day Church of Christ "Youth Con-  
ference" at Havre, Montana in  
October.

Mrs. Ed. Ness has been home to  
Pincher Creek visiting her folks,  
we are sorry to hear her father is  
on the sick list.

Mr. Sig. Sorenson is planning to  
start a "Norwegian Language Club"  
beginning in January, date still to  
be set. It is to be a social evening  
at the Scandinavian Centre, Nor-  
wegian whist will be played and  
only Norwegian will be spoken. This  
will be a chance to brush up on  
your Norwegian and for those who  
speak only a little Norwegian might  
learn to speak it more fluently.

The Sons or Norway "Saga Dan-  
cers" performed for the Jewish  
Senior Citizens group at Beth  
Shalom Synagogue in October.  
Darlene Melsness sang a solo "The  
Sailors Song". Mr. Melsness  
rendered a piano solo. Irene Hovde  
sang with guitar accompaniment.  
David Oyen and Warren Clark  
played accordion solos. The pro-  
gram closed with "Ja Ve Elsker".  
Lunch was served.

A preview of the program that is  
scheduled for the Lutfisk Supper  
was held for the patients at Glen  
Rose hospital on Sunday, Novem-  
ber 13. The Saga dancers, part of  
the cast of 25 were among those  
who performed. These are mostly  
youngsters who have just recently  
learnt Norwegian dances and songs.

Mrs. Gus. Hermanson is presently  
teaching language classes, any one  
interested in learning Norwegian  
may contact her by phoning  
439-6861.

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### DANIA DOINGS

The lucky winners at the Ansgar Ladies Aid Bazaar held November 18th were: Pastor Filtenborg, Niels Gran, Mrs. Fred Paulsen, Peter Hansen and Inge Hansen. Congratulations. Thanks to all who attended, it was the best Bazaar for a long time Money Wise. Thank You.

Danish Society "DANIA" held their annual general meeting recently and the new Board of Directors are as follows:

President Harald Christensen; Vice President, Claus Jacobsen; Treasurer, Aage Mortensen; Secretary, Vera Nielsen and other members are: Gerda Jensen, Kaj Pedersen and Villy Lobner. Two Auditors are Jens Godbersen and Svend Nielsen.

The annual Christmas Party for the Member's children will be held on Sunday, December 11th from 2 to 6 and we are looking forward to a good party for the children. On December 14th we will hold our annual Turkey Bingo and hope all you mothers and dads together with all the young people will meet this evening. Come and win your Christmas Fowl or roast of meat. We are looking forward to a good crowd, the more the merrier.

"BIKUBEN" will hold their annual Christmas meeting on December 19th, we always have a nice time and each one brings a little gift and let us taste the different delicacies you have made for Christmas and maybe exchange recipes.

Mark your Calendar for January

7th, 1967 then come and enjoy our New Year's Party as "DANIA" would like you to come for a good time.

Mr. Walther Jensen has started a new business on 10822 - 82 Ave., an import store where you can buy beautiful oil paintings and reproductions both imported and Canadian. Also art and gifts for the home. Come in and look around, maybe you will find just the gift you are looking for, if not, you are allowed to leave without buying, but we are sure you will be back before too long.

Sorry to hear Aage Mortensen had to be rushed to the hospital for an appendix operation, hope you will soon be well and home again to look after your store. Aage Mortensen has his business at 6334 - 106 Street, groceries and confectionery, open at night. If you run out of a loaf of bread, you know where to go for it now.

Vera Nielsen still has a few ALT FOR DAMERNES STRIKKE OG HAKLEBOG, if interested phone 439-0506.

A VERY HAPPY AND MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our Readers and Friends, may all good things come your way in the NEW YEAR 1967.

The Nobel Peace Prize for 1966 will not be awarded, Norway's Parliament-appointed Nobel Committee announced Oct. 19. In keeping with tradition, no reason was given for withholding the Peace Prize.

### "Viking Princess" Captain Decorated

Captain Otto Thoresen, master of the illfated cruise ship "Viking Princess" that caught fire off Cuba last April, has been named Knight, First Class, of the Royal Norwegian St. Olav Order. The decoration was presented at Oslo Oct. 11.

The luxury liner "Viking-Princess" was on a 7-day Aruba-Curacao cruise, scheduled to end at Miami, when it was swept by a raging fire the night of April 10. All of the 496 persons aboard were saved, except 2 who died of heart attack.

"But for the excellent performance of the Norwegian officers and crew", an editorial in St. Paul Pioneer Press observed, "the toll of deaths and injuries could have been much larger." A UPI dispatch reported that "According to many passengers, the hero of the nightmarish evacuation was the ship's master. Capt. Otto Thoresen, a 51-year-old Norwegian, was cheered and applauded by the ship's survivors. He and some of his men had stayed aboard the 'Viking Princess' for hours to fight the flames and search for passengers."

Similar praise was expressed by top U.S. Maritime Administration officials. Admiral Edwin Roland, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Coast Guard, stated at a hearing in the Senate Subcommittee on the Merchant Marine, April 20: "From all information received to date, it appears that the abandon ship operation was a model of excellent discipline and seamanship on part of master and crew."

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### Initiation Ceremonies Held November 9th

Initiation ceremonies and a general meeting were held on the evening of November 9. There were 13 new members initiated with the assistance of the drill team. The newly initiated were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Aslin and daughter Penny; Mr. and Mrs. Tor Bergstad; Mr. and Mrs. James Herstad; Mrs. Marion Iverson; Mary Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Olav Myhre and Mr. and Mrs. A. Olson. The drill team performed a colorful drill under the direction of Clara Lineham.

Mr. Bendickson of the Edmonton "Speed Skating Club", showed a film on speed skating in Norway and gave some interesting comments on the club here in Edmonton. He extended an invitation to interested members of the lodge to form a group of speed skaters and take part in speed skating competitions. There was a draw made for the jack pot winner, Hazel Lubbers lost \$2.40 and Ragna Sivertsen won \$5.50, you must be present when your name is drawn to be a winner. Those who served lunch were Lydia Naverseth, Edyth Johnson and Richard Larson.

### New Canadian Is Building His Own Centennial Cabin

Paul Erickson is a Dane who has lived in Canada for only 14 years. But he's doing more in the way of Centennial observances than hundreds of thousands of the natives; has an interest in this nation's history that should cause most of us to blush with shame.

On acreage in the Jumping Pound district west of Calgary, he has built, singlehandedly, a three-room log cabin which will be furnished in authentic "early West Canadian." Already he has the huge wood range which was so much a part of the pioneer life, and the fireplace is built of native rocks.

His guns will rest on a rack made from the antlers of a deer, and on the front door he plans to place an antler arrangement which will permit him to fly the Canadian and Centennial flags.

And Mr. Erickson picked his spot well. Behind the cabin is a small lake, framed with pines and a meadow. In front a magnificent view of the foothills and the Rockies.

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## Sweden's "Homecoming" Programs Continue To Beckon Americans

The special welcome Sweden has been extending to Americans during this Homecoming Year will continue through 1967 as Sweden encourages still more of the U.S.'s 3,000,000 citizens of Swedish descent to visit relatives in "the old country", according to Ake Gille, director of the Swedish National Travel Office.

Homecoming Year, which began in Christmas 1965 and climaxes this Christmas, commemorates the first big wave of Swedish emigration to North America 100 years ago, and in response to a royal proclamation, Swedes have been marking the centenary by giving American visitors the "red carpet" treatment, with receptions, Certificates of Recognition, help in locating relatives and the old homestead and in tracing ancestry, and various travel bargains.

Although the summer travel season has ended, the Homecoming spirit continues unabated, Mr. Gille points out. Early fall offers many new attractions, including festive programs of opera, ballet, concerts and the Scandinavian Design Cavalcade, and the gaiety increases as Yule approaches, since the holiday

## Vasa Lodge Skandia Holds November Meeting At Centre

Chairman Raul Nyroos opened the November meeting of Lodge Skandia at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

Members reported sick included Don Johnson, and Harold Markstrom. Winnie Pearson has been in the hospital, but is home now and feeling better. Ida Franzen was scheduled to go into the hospital.

The Smorgasbord Committee reported a financial success for this year with 416 adult tickets sold. A vote of thanks was given the committee for the time and effort that went into making this year's smorgasbord a success. Thanks was also tendered to all who worked or gave donations. A special thanks went to Erling Winquist who was bar-tender for the evening. Next year's smorgasbord will be held on October 14 with ticket prices up to \$3.00, and a limit of 350 tickets available. Sales will be cut off two days prior to the event to facilitate the food preparation. The committee brought in several other recommendations with a view to speed up the serving of the food.

The Children's Club invites all Members to the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. The tree will be decked and waiting for the festivities in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. An invitation has been sent to Santa, and he says he will attend with his sack full of candy and treats for all good girls and boys. Coffee will be served for the parents so come and enjoy yourself.

Coffee and lunch were served after the meeting. Thanks to Carol Brandle, Milda Backstrom, Ragnhild Johnson, Anna Sund, and Mrs. Kurtz for the lovely lunch.

Dancing followed with music by the Checkmates. Dancing and refreshments have been planned for after the January meeting with the Checkmates playing. If the response is good, there will be dancing after other meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Margaret Eliasson is arranging the entertainment for after the meeting.

is the traditional time for reunions.

This year, special tours from the U.S. make it easy for the visitor to enjoy the Swedish Yule. A "Queen of Light" Tour begins December 13 with the St. Lucia Day procession through Stockholm and the gala banquet at City Hall which follows the crowning of Stockholm's loveliest girl as Lucia—the "Queen of Light". You visit the Christmas Fair at Skansen open-air museum, eat Christmas delicacies and enjoy the capital's sights and its shopping, too.

The tour continues with a "White Christmas" in the folklore province of Dalarna, north of Stockholm, where there's folk dancing, the country-style smorgasbord, an early morning sleigh ride to Christmas services and other observances as of yore.

Despite Sweden's current emphasis on reaching Americans with family ties in "the old country", Mr. Gille stresses that you don't need a drop of Swedish blood in you to feel at home and enjoy the convenience of traveling in the modern Sweden. English is spoken everywhere, and such inducements as 90 days of unlimited air travel within Sweden for only \$90, using the services of SAS and Linjeflyg, the domestic airline, are available to all North Americans. A major convenience is the growing number of package tours to two to four days each which link Stockholm with the other Scandinavian capitals, May to September.

Between Stockholm and Oslo, one motorcoach tour covers Sweden's lake district, while another focuses on Dalarna. En route to Copenhagen, there are five different itineraries, including a brand new tour for 1967. Two tours take you to Copenhagen via Helsingborg and Malmo, gateways to the Swedish chateaux country with its 80 castles whose grounds or interiors are open to visitors.

Malmo's proximity to Copenhagen, Mr. Gille reports, makes it particularly inviting. Only 35 minutes by hydrofoil from the Danish capital, Malmo has excellent hotels, including the largest and most modern one in Sweden, and is the starting point for interesting excursions.

Motorists will benefit from Sweden's most important improvement in 1967, when Sweden changes its rule of the road from left hand drive to right hand drive on Sunday, September 3, and adds greatly to the pleasures of driving on the country's well-paved and scenic roads.

## Foreign Submarines In Norwegian Waters

Defense Minister Otto Grieg Tide-mand, in a statement to Parliament Oct. 28, said the Chief of Defense had called to his attention that unidentified foreign submarines had for several weeks been operating in Norwegian territorial waters, close to military establishments. Mr. Tide-mand stressed that the nationality of these submarines had not been established. It is certain, however, that they are not Norwegian or from any other NATO country.

The Defense Minister said foreign submarines cruising submerged in Norwegian waters can be compelled to surface by using force. In reality, this would mean application of anti-submarine weapons. Before doing so, however, Norwegian Navy commanders must first observe certain precautions, both to warn the submarine and guard against mistakes.

Foreign submarines have been

observed off Lista, in Tysfjord, at Kvitsoy near Stavanger, in Lysekil, and in the Lofoten waters. Three additional reports from North Norway have not been verified.

## Brighter Christmas In Store For 2,300 Edmonton Families

A brighter Christmas will be in store for some 2,300 Edmonton families with the opening on Monday, November 14, of the Edmonton Christmas Bureau.

Now in its 26th season, the Bureau functions as a confidential clearing house bringing needy families, who are recommended by social agencies, together with interested donor groups or individuals.

The Bureau's main aim is to avoid any unnecessary duplication in the giving of Christmas hampers in the Greater Edmonton area. Last year 2,807 families were registered with the Bureau, and 507 duplications in giving avoided.

Groups or individuals interested in assisting a family are urged to telephone the Bureau at 424-0659 as soon as possible. They will receive the name of a family which is provided to the Christmas Bureau by a social agency. Delivery arrangements can be made, if necessary.

Those who already have a recipient in mind are also urged to let the Christmas Bureau know of their intention so that a possible duplication may be avoided. In previous years there have been cases where hampers delivered on Christmas Eve have been refused by needy families because they already had received assistance from a donor who had not informed the Bureau.

The Christmas Bureau does not itself accept names of possible recipients from the general public. Anyone knowing of families that need help should phone All People's Mission, 424-2471; Catholic Charities, 488-0151 or the Salvation Army, 424-6924.

A UCF-supported project, the Christmas Bureau is a division of the Edmonton Welfare Council.

## Nordic Atomic Power Co-operation

Director H. W. Bjerkebo, of NVE—Norway's state waterways and electricity board, in an address at Vasteras, Sweden, Oct. 28, offered a longrange forecast of Nordic power requirements. As a means of solving the energy needs of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden after 1975, he suggested Nordic cooperation on a series of atomic power plants. Mr. Bjerkebo presented energy prognoses showing that from 1975 to 1985 the four Nordic nations would need one new 1,200 megawatt atomic plant a year. He stressed, however, that hydro power would play a role also after 1985, because of its production flexibility, and as low-cost top power.

Norway, the NVE director observed, will for some years be best served by continuing to harness its remaining resources of water power, in so far as it is economical. According to present prognoses, the supply of water power worth harnessing should last until about 1990. The possibility that Norway might become dependent on development of thermal power, including atomic generating plants, would not arise until about 1975. Up to that year, Mr. Bjerkebo indicated hydro power would be sufficient.

## Collision Sinks Swedish Ship

LONDON (Reuters) — The 499-ton Swedish motor vessel *Libra* sank after colliding with a Russian freighter in dense fog south of Helsingborg, Sweden, shipping sources have reported. The sources said two of the *Libra's* crew are missing. The remainder of the crew were landed at Helsingborg.

## Car Supermarket In Sweden

A story from Sweden . . . In Stockholm last month I visited a co-operatively owned car supermarket that, in the space of only a few years, has succeeded in bringing a remarkable degree of order into the car sales field in the Swedish capital.

Sponsored by the petroleum and service station co-operative, OK, and known by the abbreviated name BIVA, the supermarket is now selling about 3000 new and used cars a year.

When the supermarket was first established just a few years ago, it held agencies for a wide range of European cars. But when the manufacturers learned that the co-op was selling their cars at a minimum mark-up—just enough to cover expenses—they cancelled the agencies.

Undaunted, BIVA sent a team of buyers to the U.S.A. and negotiated with car manufacturers there. Very soon American cars were on display in BIVA's showrooms. Sales increased month by month until, finally, the Swedish and other European manufacturers decided it was in their own best interests to resume their association with the co-operative and allow it to set its own pricing policy. The co-op can now supply almost any European or American manufactured car.

BIVA has no salesmen on its staff. When a prospective buyer enters the showrooms he simply selects the car he wishes to buy and drives it to a checkout point where the necessary formalities are completed.

The price is marked clearly on every car; there is no bargaining. And in the case of used cars, a check list shows the customer which main components require repairs and which are in good working order.

A trade-in is treated as a separate transaction. The seller takes his car to the supermarket where it is given a thorough inspection by a team of mechanics. He is then told how much the co-op is prepared to give him; again there is no bargaining, no point in talking about "one careful driver" or "never exceeded 80 kilometers per hour"! The seller knows that the co-op's offer is not only fair, but that he is most unlikely to do better elsewhere.

What about the other car dealers in Stockholm? Are they selling as many cars as in pre-BIVA days? My guide informed me that they appear to be doing quite well, despite the fact that the low-margin policy of BIVA has compelled them to reduce their prices.

Finnmarksposten, oldest newspaper in Finnmark, marked its 100th anniversary with an 84-page issue containing many interesting articles about Norway's northernmost province. Started at Hammerfest, July 1, 1866, the Conservative Party organ was moved to Honningsvåg in 1950, with A. C. Pedersen as editor.

The way into trouble is never as complicated as the way out.

Col. Sigurd J. Arnesen, 79, former publisher of the Norwegian language newspaper "Nordisk Tidende", Brooklyn, N.Y., died recently in Florida. He was for many years a leader in Brooklyn's clivic life.

Fredrikstad scored 3-2 over Lyn-Oslo to win the Norwegian soccer cup championship for 1966.

Skeid, Oslo, won the main Norwegian soccer series with a score of 25 points to 24 for Fredrikstad. Lyn, Oslo, was third, with 21 points.

The International Cover Girl 1966 is Liv Faret, of Nordstrand, Norway, chosen over contestants from 10 other countries at the final in London. The 22-year-old Foreign Ministry secretary and Oslo University student is 5'10" tall, slim, dark-haired.

Richard Kaplan Productions (460 West 54th St., New York, N.Y. 10019) has released CONTEMPORARY SCANDINAVIA: Common Purposes, individual Differences, a 27-minute documentary film of life in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. It was written and directed by Richard Kaplan, director of the Academy Award winning movie THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT STORY.

## Sample Whets Appetite

MONTREAL — Food editors and broadcasters visiting Expo 67 this week were given a first-hand glimpse—and sampling session—of what the menu at one national pavilion will be.

The Consuls General of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden presented a Scandinavian smorgasbord dinner in the Scandinavian pavilion—the first to be completed.

Canapes included tiny open faced sandwiches resembling a pinwheel—mild, thin slices of cheese rolled with paper-thin layers of smoked reindeer meat. The appetizer plate consisted of various types of pickles, marinated or glazed herring with minced red onion, sour cream and chives sauce, dill mustard sauce, and other garnishes.

## THE LAST DROP

Aquavit—the traditional Norse drink was served. As a toast it was tossed back—to the last drop. Accompanying the meal, it was followed by a beer (Danish, of course) chaser—as recommended by the Norwegian consular official who was host at the table.

Main course dishes included such delicacies as cold boiled eel, smoked eel, roe, Limfjord oysters on the shell and numerous herring, salmon, sardine and shrimp dishes.

Such meats as roast loin of reindeer, smoked reindeer, smoked Finnish lamb, roast leg of elk (the whole leg is one giant roast), smoked loin of pork, snow grouse, Danish duckling, liver paste, Danish rolled pork, salami and Norwegian mutton sausage were served as cold cuts.

Hot dishes included fillet of reindeer in cream sauce, Swedish meatballs, Finnish salmon pirogues, Jansson's temptation (a type of scalloped potatoes with anchovies and onions, baked in cream), Danish roast pork, glow-fried salmon with dill mayonnaise, Norwegian cod tongues and fried pork garnished with fried apples.



## Copenhagen Marks Her 800th Birthday In 1967 And All Denmark Celebrates

Copenhagen celebrates her 800th birthday in 1967, and Denmark's "best brains" have been brought together to plan events that will help the city surpass the gaiety for which she already is renowned, reports Axel Dessau, director of the Danish National Travel Office.

Until now, Copenhagen has been satisfied to offer 24 hours of continuous fun together with the advice that visitors catch up on sleep in the next country. 1967's added events, however, promise a whole summerful of continuous fun, and Mr. Dessau concedes that visitors who are unable to postpone sleep indefinitely may have to use their hotel beds.

The birthday festivities commemorate the year 1167, when Bishop Absalon, military strategist and politician, founded a castle to protect the city's inhabitants from pirates. But pre-historic records show that people already lived in Copenhagen some 6,000 years ago, and Mr. Dessau admits that the fun-loving Danes may simply be using Absalon's deed as a good excuse for a big party.

Although the official celebrations, to which 100 mayors from all over the world are invited (10 from North America), are June 14-18 in Copenhagen, festivities take place everywhere, all summer long.

Odense, for example, salutes Copenhagen with an exhibit showing how her favorite son, Hans Christian Andersen, lived in the two cities, and an Andersen festival features dramatizations of his fairy tales.

## Funeral Costs . . .

Most people realize that funerals, as a rule, are very expensive — especially when death strikes unexpectedly and hasty arrangements have to be made for last rites for a loved one.

Very few people seem to know that they can pre-arrange a simple, dignified and economical funeral for themselves and their families — and save a lot of money — by joining a "Memorial Society". These non-sectarian, non-profit organizations cover the continent and there is a branch right here in Edmonton, P.O. Box 432—where all information may be obtained.

The "Readers' Digest" September issue contains an article "Facts You Should Know About Funerals" which is worth reading.

H. A. (Gus) Hansen

There are six millionaires in Halså, a North Norway community with a few hundred inhabitants. All are herring fishermen with their own purse-seiners.

"Make no little plans—they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans—aim high and hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency. Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us. Let your watchword be order and your beacon beauty."

In Copenhagen, the gamut of events ranges from the Royal Danish Ballet and Music Festival in May to an enlarged Scandinavian Design Cavalcade in October. Parades, regattas, galas come in between.

To handle the expected increased flow of visitors and to introduce them to the delights of the fairy-tale countryside, Denmark will have new tours and other facilities in 1967. The best known tour is the Fairy Tale Tour, which offers three-day and four-day motorcoach programs visiting Odense, the lovely old Town open air museum in Aarhus, Denmark's second largest city; and historic Ribe, town of storks. Four other tours, lasting from two to six days, also are available, and the visitor has the choice of returning to Copenhagen or of using the tour as a stepping stone to the next country.

Motorists, in particular, will have new tour opportunities open to them. This is the result of two new bridges and a causeway which form a highway link from Svendborg, south of Odense, on the island of Funen, to the islands of Taasinge and Langeland.

Troense, on Taasinge, is an idyllic town with 32 quaint houses that are historic landmarks. Nearby is Valdemar Castle, built in the 17th century by Christian IV, Denmark's builder-king. From the tower of the Church in Bregninge, one enjoys a magnificent view of the Funen archipelago and can count 65 church spires, and the old

Bregninge Mill, also providing fine views, is now a pleasant restaurant.

On Langeland, sights include Tranekær Castle and the interesting town of Rudkøbing with many beautiful old houses. From here, one can follow ferry and road on a new southern route to Copen-

hagen, via the island of Lolland, which offers additional novelties in its "veteran triangle", a route that combines rides on a classic train and an old steamer with visits to a famed antique auto collection.

The birthday party starts soon so get ready for the fun now!

## Finland's Golden Anniversary Brings Many Travel Innovations

Finland celebrates the fiftieth year of her independence in 1967, and a host of new events, tours and facilities will make the Golden Anniversary year the perfect time for overseas visitors, reports Herman Ramo, Director of the Finnish National Travel Office.

Among the attractions stirring the most interest are the new holiday bungalow villages in the lake areas. Eventually, these will accommodate 600,000 foreign guests in first class centers throughout the country, and while that figure may evoke visions of hordes of tourists crowded together, Finland's ample supply of 60,000 lakes assures everyone the privacy one ought to find in an outdoor vacation plus many unexpected comforts, too.

The prototype village is at Viitasaari, in the lovely lakes north of Jyväskylä, central Finland's university town. Each of its bungalows has a bedroom, sitting room, bathroom, kitchenette and outdoor terrace, is fully equipped with bed linens and cooking utensils and looks out on a lake with private beach. If you prefer to eat out,

there's a restaurant for every 30 to 40 bungalows. The companion project at nearby Ruoponsaari has a small hotel for those who want added services. The traditional sauna bath houses are right at the lakeside, of course.

Golden Anniversary events include the new Helsinki Week in late August and early September and the Finnish portion of the Scandinavian Design Cavalcade in October. Helsinki Week combines the former Sibelius Festival with many other cultural events such as drama, ballet, opera, folklore and art exhibitions. Anniversary observances culminate on December 6, Independence Day, with parades and gala festivities.

In addition to the popular 3-day "Silverline Tour" and the 4-day "Lakeland Tour", new tours from Helsinki in 1967 will take in delightful areas long overlooked by many tourists. The 4-day "Western Cities Tour", for example, visits the arts and crafts center of Riihimäki, and the 6-day "Eastern Waterways Tour" introduces visitors to the fine Haiko resort in Porvoo, 30 miles east of Helsinki. A number of interesting "Lifeseeing Tours", featuring architecture, health and welfare, design, education, etc., are also offered between October 1st and

May 1st. During these three and four-day tours visits are made to workshops, clinics, studios and institutions.

The independent traveler, particularly the motorist, also will find many innovations in 1967. Some 40 new motels—Finland calls them "motorest hotels" — are being added all over the country. Helping to bring motorists to Finland will be the largest car ferry in the world, the Finland Steamship Co's "Finlandia", on the Travemünde (W. Germany - Copenhagen - Helsinki) route. A combination luxury steamer and ferry, the swift "Finlandia" will carry 700 passengers and 320 automobiles.

Finnish Railway routes to Turku and Tampere are being electrified. Finnair, which operates the longest air route in Europe (Kirkenes to Malaga), offers Midsummer Night Flights from early June to mid-July to see the Midnight Sun at Rovaniemi, capital of Finnish Lapland.

Among the most interesting of the many hotel additions, opening early in 1967, is the Suomutunturi Lodge in Kemijärvi, 60 miles east of Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland. The Arctic Circle passes right through its main dining room, and the hotel's ultra-modern design takes its inspiration from the tepee-like Lapp tent. Lapland, in fact, has many new hotels and tourist inns for both winter and summer vacations, with numerous ski lifts for the snowtime visitors and guides for the outdoorsman who wants to fish in Lapland's streams and shoot its rapids.

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## Tire Stud Sales Booming But Officials Are Worried

TORONTO (CP)—Although many government officials are worried about what metal tire studs might do to roads, sales of the tiny picks for winter driving are booming.

Three years ago, says the Seco Studs division of Fagerst Steels Ltd., Canadian sales were 750,000. This year, forecasts general manager John Merriman, they will hit 50,000,000.

This would mean almost one car in 20 would be equipped with the studs, designed to increase traction in winter driving, especially on ice. That would not include vehicles changing to stud-equipped tires purchased last winter and still serviceable.

These figures of manufacturers, however, aren't accepted without some question. The Ontario department of highways, for example, carried out an informal survey last winter in Toronto, London, Sudbury, Ottawa and Fort William.

Of 6,800 cars checked, officials found about 50 per cent were equipped with regular snow tires but only 40, or .06 per cent, had studs inserted in the treads.

### DIDN'T TAKE ACTION

On the basis of this check, officials decided to take no immediate action about possible damage which studs could do when driven on cleared highways.

The studs have or soon will get official approval in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Neither Quebec nor Alberta has legislation either for or against, but an Alberta government spokesman

says the situation is being watched.

Some studies made in the United States showed the studs can chew up pavement. No one, however, denies that they provide greatly increased traction on ice or hard-packed snow.

Last winter a Manitoba distributor of Firestone tires was charged under a section of the highways act — since revised — which prohibited tires with metal studs projecting beyond the tread.

The act was revamped during the last legislative session and the case was dropped without coming to trial. The revised act will make use of the studs legal.

Manufacturers believe the studs are here to stay.

### SMALL HOLES

Major tire makers now produce winter tires with small holes moulded into them, so dealers can easily insert studs if requested by customers. Most are forecasting higher sales of the tires this winter.

Safety experts recommend about 100 studs in each tire.

Seco, one of seven manufacturers of the studs in Canada, sells to dealers for three cents each. The normal price to drivers, counting the cost of insertion, is about 10 cents each.

The studs were developed in 1959 by a Finnish engineer. After being tried in the Scandinavian market, they were introduced in Canada in 1963.

Most are made of a tungsten steel—harder than ordinary steel—but even so they lost their effectiveness after about 5,000 miles, officials say.

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As you can see, we were not quite able to beat Olympia, but nobody has given up hope yet, since this is only the first of many games this season. The Men's B team is a little short of players; but some Red Deer Players agreed to help out when we play in Red Deer. When these players learn to play together, I am sure they will greatly improve. One of our players, Helge Christensen, was unfortunate enough to break his nose in a game, and we all wish him a good recovery (I am sure he had a hilarious holloween without the expense of a nose

mask).  
Our Dance on November 4th was quite successful with a good crowd, but there was still room for quite a few more, so at our next dance, be sure that you attend.  
(Kirsten Andersen)

## Maturity . . .

It can be said without qualifications that no human being can consider himself mature if he narrows the use of his efforts, talents, or means to his own personal advantage. The very concept of maturity rests on the degree of inner growth that is characterized by a yearning within the individual to transcend his self-concentration by extending himself into the lives of others. In other words, maturity is a stage in his development, when to live with himself in a satisfying manner, it becomes imperative for him to give as well as to receive.

## Husnes Aluminum Plant Opened

Industry Minister Sverre Walter Rostoft officiated at the recent formal opening of the 60,000 ton aluminum plant that Sor-Norge Aluminium A/S has built at Husnes, in Kvinnherad on the Hardangerfjord. With its initial capacity, which provides work for 485 employees, the plant will boost Norway's total aluminum production by over 20%. Its exports will increase annual foreign exchange earnings by some 100 million kroner. The project has so far required investments of about 300 million kroner. Production began half a year ago.

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